

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2646

INFO AMEMBAUSY ANKARA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 5623

E.O. 11652: GDS 12/31/79

TAGS: MCAP, EFIN, NATO, NL

SUBJ: BURDENSARING

REF: STATE 248790

1. ON DEC 21 WE CONVEYED SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO MFA'S  
NATO DIRECTOR, WHO ASSURED US THAT SERIOUS ATTENTION  
WOULD BE PAID TO POINTS COVERED.

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2. DIRECTOR COMMENTED ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT WHILE

HE CERTAINLY WAS NOT POSTULATING FAILURE IN ALLIES' EFFORT TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF JACKSON-NUNN, HE WONDERED WHAT IMPACT ON MBFR WOULD BE IF THOSE REQUIREMENTS WERE NOT MET AND US WAS OBLIGED TO REDUCE ITS FORCES IN EUROPE.

3. MEMBER OF DIRECTOR'S STAFF, WHO ALSO PRESENT, NOTED THAT ON BILATERAL BASIS, US-DUTCH BALANCE SHEET ON MILITARY ACCOUNT IF NOT IN EQUILIBRIUM WAS NEARLY SO AS RESULT PRIOR AND CONTINUING DUTCH PURCHASES OF US MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

4. BOTH OFFICIALS EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE US WOULD NOT FORCE BURDENSARING EXERCISE AT TOO FAST A PACE, SINCE CHANCES OF SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING A SATISFACTORY MULTILATERAL SOLUTION-WHICH GON FULLY SUPPORTS-COULD THEREBY BE JEOPARDIZED. WITH REFERENCE TO EXECUTIVE BRANCH REPORT WHICH JACKSON-NUNN CALLS FOR IN FEBRUARY, THEY THOUGHT IT COULD USEFULLY TAKE ACCOUNT OF WHAT DPC AND EUROGROUP MOST RECENTLY HAVE PRODUCED, AS WELL AS US-FRG OFFSET AGREEMENT WHICH HOPEFULLY WOULD BE CONCLUDED BY THEM.  
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